

NEWS RELEASE

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MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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**TO: KMAS, KRXV, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN,
SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL,
THE SUN**

RE: First Mason County Veterans Stand Down Event Report

The first Mason County Veterans Stand Down Event was held on Friday, April 22nd at the Memorial Hall in Shelton. The event was focused on assisting veterans who were homeless or unemployed.

A total of \$1,614 was spent on food, drinks, eating supplies, personal hygiene supplies, and gas cards. The event kicked off at 8 am with breakfast and lunch was supplied for all. At 1pm a hiring event took place. Several veterans received transitional housing assistance and several were offered employment.

Participants included ten veteran organizations and auxiliaries consisting of VFW Post #1694, American Legion Post #31, 40 et 8 Voiture #135, American Legion Post #200 (Belfair), Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter #22 (Gorst), Squaxin Veteran Committee, Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Branch #367, VFW Post #11447, and Paralyzed Veterans of America (North West Chapter) and many other local participants and volunteers.

On behalf of all the veterans service organizations involved in the first ever Mason County Veterans Stand Down Event we would like to thank and say BRAVO ZULU to all that participated in making this event the success it was. We would also like to give a special recognition to Pete Laserinko who served as the Veterans Stand Down Chairman and spent countless hours organizing this event.

Lynda Ring Erickson
Chair

Tim Sheldon
Commissioner

Jerry Lingle
Commissioner